

Team USA and Team Toyota's Oksana Masters Captures Paralympic Medal

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PYEONGCHANG, South Korea – Oksana Masters captured the silver medal in the women’s 6km biathlon event at the Paralympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 on Saturday, March 10.

Masters finished 22.8 seconds behind first place in the sitting classification, shooting a clean race to score her first medal in her PyeongChang debut. The medal comes just weeks after she injured her right elbow, causing a setback to her training.

“I was told I was not going to be able to race,” Masters said on her elbow injury. “I was basically fighting for a chance at the start line. I dug as deep as I could for my team and I’m happy to be standing on the podium next to Kendall (Gretsch).”

A four-time U.S. Paralympian and a silver and bronze medalist, Masters was born with birth defects, including legs with no weight-bearing bones, as a direct cause of the nuclear accident at Chernobyl in Ukraine and ultimately had to have both legs amputated above the knee.

She is scheduled to compete next on Sunday, March 11 in the women’s 12km Nordic event.